ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE.

FOR THE CELEBRATION.

MUSIC AND FEASTING, SUCCEEDED LATER BY A TRIP TO EUROPE, WILL BE AMONG

THE FEATURES. The German Liederkranz is preparing for the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary in January ext, in such a manner as to indicate that this "golden jubilee," as it is called, will be an oc casion long to be remembered in the annals of German club life. The Liederkranz was founded on January 9 1847. The celebration of its semi-centennial will begin on Friday, January 8, next, with a grand concert, which will be held in one large hails of the city. Liederkranz Hall is not large enough. On the following evening a dinner will be given at Liederkranz Hail, to which guests of both sexes will be invited.

On the evening of January 10 there will be a grand "commers" for members and their male guests. This "commers" will be one of the most interesting ever given by a German social organization. The distinguishing feature of the "com-mers" is its freedom from conventionality. Im-promptu toasts, where the last man to talk may the next speaker, and thus add to the offhand speeches delivered by those called upon by the president, F. A. Ringler, have always tended to increase the life of similar entertainments. The usual good things afforded by club life contribute

to the festivities.

After the third day and night of the celebration an intermission will afford an opportunity for the effects of the "commers" to wear off. In May a European trip will be taken by the male chorus of the club and by as many other members as can spare the time for the journey. The following itinerary for this trip has been mapped out, and followed in its main features at least: ew-York to Genoa, the steamer touching at Gibraltar; from Genoa, to Milan, where a concert will be given; thence an excursion to the north Italian lakes Maggiore, Como and Lugano, and the continuation of the trip by way of Milan to Venice, where the second concert will be given; from there by way of Trieste, over the Semmering be given; then through the so-called Switzerland Saxony to Dresden, Berlin and Leipsic, in all of which cities concerts will be given; thence Munich, Stuttgart and Frankfort-on-the-Main, with concerts in the latter two cities; from Frankfort an excursion will be made to Wiesbaden, the Niederwald monument, ett.; next a tour of the Rhine will be made from Mayence to Cologne, where the last concert will take place, and where where the last concert will take place, and where the rarry will disperse. The trip will take from five to six weeks. Excursion tickets, good for five nonths, will be secured, so that those who de-sige to linger abroad may do so. It is expected that the expense attending the trip will be so reduced that, according to the announcement of the General Committee. "no one will ever again have the opportunity to make such an interesting tour at so small an outlay and in such congenial company."

A general committee of fifty-three members has A general committee of fitty-three members has been appointed to take charge of the preparations for the celebration. The chairman is William Steinway, the corresponding secretary is Hubert Cillis, the treasurer is J. Carlsen, and the recording secretary is G. Julius Hauser. Sub-committees have been appointed with chairmen as follows. Travelling Committee, Richard H. Adams; Financie Committee, William Vigelius, Committee on Hotne Celebration, Ralph Trautmann, Music Committee, William Steinway. Mr. Cillis said of the preparations for the anniversary a day or two ago:

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"The various committees are doing as much as is possible at present. A report from the subcommittees to the General Committee will be made in September. The Music Committee can, of course, do nothing until it is known what singers of note will be in the city next season. We shall not attempt the trip abroad with less than eighty members of the male chorus out of the total of 125, and with enough other members to swell the number to at least 200 members. The trip will take from five to six weeks, and it is difficult for those who hold subordinate business positions to arrange to be away so long. The trip, however, is as good as assured."

ANDREW H. GREEN MOVED.

TAKEN TO HIS SUMMER HOME IN WORCESTER.

Andrew H. Green, the Greater New-York Commissioner, who has been seriously ill for some was taken to his summer home near Worcester, Mass., yesterday. Arrangements were made to have him conveyed over the New-Haven Railroad in a parlor car. In the car was a couch,

Railroad it a parlor ear. In the car was a couch, with pillows and bedclothing. About noon Mr. Green was taken from his home, No. 3! Park-ave., moved to the Grand Central Station, and put aboard the 12 o'clock train for Worcester. He was accompanied by his friend, Dr. Dowknott, and also by one of his nieces, his brother and a nephew. Early last evening Timothy Green, a nephew who lived with the invalid, received a iteisgram from Worcester stating that Mr. Green had stood his journey well, was in excellent spirits

THE MAN WHO CAN'T REMEMBER.

Lawrence, Kan., Aug. 1.-Herbert B. Spencer, puzzled the physicians of Philadelphia since last March, and whose identity was accidentally discovered at the hospital two weeks ago, arrived home yesterday. At the station in Kansas City he saw one of his brothers and remarked: "There's a man know " His sister and his sister-in-law he did not ome recollection of familiar spots. His parents were recalled as people he had once known, although they were not recognized as father and mother. His mother revived the strongest recollection. The old

MR. M'ADOO RETURNS TO WASHINGTON. Boston, Aug. 1.-The United States dispatch beat Dolphin sailed from the Navy Yard this morning for Washington. Assistant Secretary McAdoo, who was on the Dolphin on her arrival here, started by train last night for the same destination.

A LAWYER KILLED IN SPOKANE. Spokane, Wash., Aug. 1.-Lew H. Platter, a leading member of the local bar and prominent in State politics, was shot and instantly killed in the hallway of the county courthouse last night by nooting was the result of language used by in an argument in court, when he attacked



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BLAD TO COME HERE WITH BRYAN.

THE LATTER REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT ALLEGED TAMPERING WITH THE DEMOCRATIC

PLATFORM. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 1.-The attention of Mr. Bryan was called to-night to the statement conerning alleged tampering with the Democratic National platform so as to make it contain the re jected amendment proposed by Senator Hill. Mr Bryan refused to talk on the subject, but said he supposed the National Committee would at the proper time circulate the platform in its correct form. A number of telegrams have been received by Mr. Bryan in regard to the matter, and it is understood that he has answered in accordance with the statement given.

Mr. Bryan will not make any set speeches on his trip between Lincoln and New-York, but he wil

his way to Lincoln.

Richard P. Bland, Mr. Bryan's unsuccessful competitor for the Democratic nomination, will accompany Mr. Bryan to New-York and will probably speak at the Madison Square Garden meeting. He will go as the nominee's guest. Mr. Bland is expected here Friday.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER'S VIEWS. HE REGARDS THE SILVER AGITATION AS A STEE TOWARD ANARCHY.

Chicago, Aug. 1.-Charles Dudley Warner spent last night and to-day in Chicago, on his way from recreation. An afternoon paper publishes an inteview in which he is quoted as saying: "I regard the silver agitation as a step toward anarchy that the adoption of the silver standard will not better existing social and political conditions with better existing social and political conditions with
the masses of workmen out of employment would
mean a revolution and rioting in our great cities.
When I say that silver is a step toward anarchy.
I mean to make the point that the success of the
movement would certainly bring about conditions
that would lead to disorganization, riot and ruin.
On the other hand, I believe that sound money
will be sustained by the conservative, intelligent
voters. I look to the Germans, the Jews and the
power of the Catholic Church for support of the
gold standard."

JUDGE WOODBURY AGAINST FREE SILVER. Boston, Aug. 1 .- Judge Charles Levi Woodbury attended the meeting of the gold Democrats on Friday, and while there made a statement of his A reporter called upon him this after-

"I do not care to be interviewed," he remarkad. "It is not my intention to go into a point-by-point

declaration. "Your position, then, in politics can be regarded as that of a bolter?"

marked the Judge. "I am where I have always marked the Judge. "I am where I have always been. There are things in the Democratic platform that I have been fighting against all my life. I cannot support such a platform. I have not been struck by lighting. My end of the schooner is anchored, and it is not my intention to follow in the footsteps of the men who are trying to place this patent medicine. I don't think it will effect a cure. I am where I was on January last, and on the twelve months previous, and even as far back as when I was a boy in 1834."

CHAUTAUQUA REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES. Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 1.—The Republican caucuses, held in Chautauqua County to-day, resulted in the assurance of the renomination of Warren B. Hooker for Representative in Congress; Jerome B. Fisher for County Judge, and Fred R. Petersen and S. F. Nixon for members of Assembly.

FOREIGN NAVAL NOTES.

One of the most interesting and important happen ings in the foreign naval world in the summertime is the series of manoeuvres held by the British Navy Great are the preparations for these manoeuvres. and striking the scenes while they are in progres: thought that about one hundred vessels will be in-cluded in them. One of these two fleets is to mobilize with the Channel Squadron, and it is to include six armored battle-ships of modern types, Tourteen cruisers and many gunboats and torpedo-boats. The other fleet is to include nine armored battle-ships, eleven cruisers and a number of gunboats and tor pedo-destroyers, the vessels being taken almost en tirely from the reserve. Each fleet is to be com-manded by a vice-admiral and to have a rear-admiral second in command, and each fleet is to b divided into two parts. Drill in fleet tactics is to be undertaken at sea, and after several days spent in problem will be for this latter fleet to get to sea in the face of the enemy, while, on the other hand, the "enemy" tries to prevent this pleasant little manoeuvre and even to effect the destruction of the Milford Haven fleet. Then there is to be more drill at sea, with target practice for main and secondary batteries, and maily, before dispersion, the two fleets are to come together in a big assembling at Spithead.

Experiments have been made with homing pigeons in the British Navy, but heretofore, it seems, the expense has been borne by individual officers. At last, however, it has been decided by the Admirally that in the future the Government and not the officers private purses shall bear this expense. It is urged that the Navy shall get possession of some highly bred birds, so that better results may be obtained. The results already are very good, a flight of 120 miles having been obtained, but better list a bird in England that has made a flight of over five hundred miles, persons interested in carrier pigeons for the "enemy" tries to prevent this pleasant little mamiles, persons interested in carrier pigeons for the Navy think that it might profitably secure a better breed of birds. Commander Lionel G. Tufnell has been put in charge of the training of the naval pigeons.

SOCIALISTS IN CONVENTION.

THEY NOMINATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND DENOUNCE THE OTHER PARTIES.

Trenton, Aug. 1 (Special).-The Socialist Labor party of New-Jersey held its State Convention in Liederkranz Hall this afternoon. The Credentials Committee reported thirty-four delegates present. The convention was called for the purpose of selecting ten electors, choosing nominees for Congress and indorsing the Socialist party's presiden-

gress and indorsing the Socialist party's presidential nominees, Matchett and Maguire.

Henry Corless, of Newark, was chosen chairman, and James Wilson, of Paterson, vice-chairman of the convention, and Ferdinand Ufert was made secretary. John P. Weigel, of Elizabeth, secretary of the Socialist Labor party State Committee, who called the convention to order, introduced the officers.

The platform adopted is the party's National platform, to which is added a solemn warning, in which all Socialists are told to avoid the Republican, Democratic and Populist parties, with their snarl of protection, free trade, free silver and gold standard. The following electors were finally chosen: James Bell and Randolph S Miller, Union County; Cornelius Zimmerman, Gustave Ewald and Albine Strobel, Hudson County; William Walker and Ferdinand Unes, Essex, Richard Spaulding, Camden; Thomas Walsh and Edward Gilmore, Passale County.

FATAL CLOUDBURST IN VIENNA.

Vienna, Aug. 1.-A cloudburst occurred here to day, and several districts of the city were flooded, the residents in a number of houses in the sub-merged localities being obliged to leave their homes. One dwelling-house collapsed, killing one of the inmates and injuring several others. Three persons were drowned. The damage to property is

A JOKE ON THE GERMAN BARBER.

A big fly was buzzing drowsily up near the ceiling of a quiet little barber shop just off Third-ave,, when the prosperous-looking grocer of the corner store came in and sat down to be shaved. As the jolly little German barber tucked the towel around his customer's neck, he said: "Dot vas a goot joke on Julius, wint it?" "I don't know; what was it?" asked the grocer.

"Yah, it vas a bretty goot joke, but may be you don't understant it. You see, Julius don't spoke der English language like me. He don't say 'no' like me. He say 'n'x.' Yesterday me and mine fran und mine family vent down by Rockaway, und Julius vas here in der shop. A customer came in to get shafed. Julius vas in lofe mit Lizzie, vat works mit der bakery, und his mind vas absent half works mit der bakery, und his mind vas absent half der time und the other half he makes some boetry aboud Lizzie. He vas thinking oud: some boetry on Lizzie ven he was shafing der customer, I guess und der man hollered out dot something vas der matter mit der razor."

"Nix.' said Julius."

"Yah, dot vas it,' said the customer; 'you better grint dem oud.

grint dem oud."
"Vel, Julius take annoder razor und finish der man, und ven I und Katerine come home he tell us

aboud it.
"Dot vas a joke on Julius, said Katerine. But "Dot was a joke on Janus, said Kalerine, But Julius couldn't see it, und it was sometimes pefore I took some tumbles. Bretty goot joke, vasn't it? "Julius don't see dot joke yet. He thinks dot man was making fun of der way he say 'no.' Julius is learning now to spraken 'no,' joost as I spoke htm."

A PALACE ON THE SOUND.

E. C. BENEDICT'S NEW SUMMER HOME.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WHITE STRUCTURE NEAR GREENWICH, CONN., ON THE SITE OF THE

for months white walls rising fast on the shore near Greenwich, until now the nearly completed mark on either shore. Its dazzling whiteness by day and its brilliancy by night when lit by the electric light ought to make it a valued point of reckoning for the mariners of the Sound. It the well-known banker, E. C. Benedict, the intimate friend of President Cleveland, who has added this latest summer palace to the sights of the Connecticut shore, rivalling in massiveness and architectural beauty that of his neighbor, H. O. Havemeyer. The site is a well-known one, of many victssitudes, first famous as the location of the bacchanalian feasts of Boss Tweed's Americus Club. Later, for many years the Indian Harbor Hotel supplanted the clubhouse, and enjoyed continuous popularity under the management of

As Mr. Benedict has grown older, and his fondness for his yacht and the salt water has increased, he has longed to have a summer dwelling directly on the shore. He has a spacious cottage as other buildings have grown up around him and threatened to cut off his view of the Sound. he quietly effected the purchase of the Indian Harbor Hotel property. Work was begun a year

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white brick or granite covered with stucco, except thors and roofs of red tile.

The general white effect is relieved in the angle of the south and west wings by brilliant beds of flowers with walks between. All around the water edge of the grounds the bluff is bordered by a massive wall. At the southeast corner a flight of stone steps, covered by a colonnade, leads down to the wharf where lies the Oneida, if perchance she is not steaming in Buzzard's Bay, New-York.



HOUSE SEEN FROM GREENWICH POINT.

ago in April. Often as many as 200 men were at work at once, besides several steam dredges and scows, and a little regiment of horses and carts. Part of the hotel structure was drawn off to the eastward on the cove to serve as a boarhouse. Many of the forest trees had to be felled, though the greater number still remain. The little harbor was deepened so what the 130-foot steam yacht Onelda could swing up practically to the front deorsteps of the "Commodore." A pond was dredged and dammed for still water rowing. Finally the rock basis of the peninsula was levelled and carved, and the massive walls began to grow. It is eatimated that more than half a million dollars has been expended already.

Approaching either from the land or the water, one finds not a little to admire in what the owner diffidently calls "only a little private house of no importance." Many will suspect the motive of the design was to build a grander "White House," where Mr. Cleveland might rest contentedly after his final relinquishment of the Nation's Presidential home at Washington. To others it will seem as if a bit of Chicago's White City had been transported bodily, while the travelled public may accuse the owner of skyly bidding for comparison with some of the royal palaces of the Old World.

After one crosses the inlet on the drive from Greenwich, a massive white lodge is seen by the



ENTRANCE TO NORTH WING.

gateway, and there is posted a notice to the public | distinctly calculated to discourage curious visitors. The portal passed, one drives through several acres of woodland, emerging in a kind of immense court with paved walks, beds of flowers, shrubs, etc. This is entered through another mas-sive gateway, the great pillars of which are ornamented by great snowy wreaths in full relief. To the left are the white stables, massive and commodious. To the right is the private secretary's house, in a Spanish style of architecture, and cool, roomy interior. Directly in front rises the northern facade of the mansion itself. driveway is divided, and makes a semi-circula: sweep up an inclined plane bordered by heavy wall and coping, meeting again under the lofty arch of the portice, while a footpath leads straight across this circular plaza and up a broad flight of stairs to the same columned entrance above

ing is about sixty-five feet high to the eaves, which are surmounted by a sloping roof of red tile. It is the restful massiveness of the walls and columns, the high, deep windows, the large circu lar enwreathed apertures in the façade, and th great roominess in the columned, semi-circular ourts, paved with square red tile, that constitute unique in some respects, which will challenge the admiration of all visitors to this pretty town, and will take rank among the handsomest country houses of Amarka.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

READING RECEIVERS STATEMENTS Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—The receivers of the Philacompanies to-day filed in the United States Circuit Court statements of the obligations, liabilities, assets, etc., of the companies, in accordance with the directions contained in the final decree of the Court of May I relating to the sale of the property under the foreclosure of the general mortgage. The statethe foreclosure of the general mortgage. The state-ments show that the issue of receivers' certificates of both companies amounts to \$3,766,407, of which all but \$62,000 are outstanding, and that the total obligations of the receivership amount to \$19,864,801. This is exclusive of the secured floating indebted-ness incurred prior to the receivership, which ap-pears in the statement of the prior liens.

Chicago, Aug. 1 .- On top of the trouble the Westrn lines are having over excursion rates to Salt Lake City comes another complication in the shape of a reduction in rates made by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road in order to secure emigrant passenger traffic. It is a new feature in the fight



about 90x60 feet each, and two steries in height while the square centre rises a story higher. The arrangement gives a wonderful opportunity for These are of at least double any ordinary proroom, and a fine square dining-room in the south wing, with views of the water on three sides. This last is finished in dark antique oak, with massive mantels and fireplace flanked by oaken col-The guest chambers are reached by umis. The guest chambers are reached by a broad double staircase from the main hall, and by an hydraulic elevator. From them access is had to the open uncovered balconies over the semi-circular courts at the end of each wing.

While from some aspects, as the east, the building has something of a boil effect, and from its line of white masonry, a corner view, especially from the southwest or northwest, is decidedly imposing. The effect of the open courts, with their semi-circle of ionic columns, is always beautiful, a satisfying Grecian effect. Everything is of pure

The structure is cruciform in general plan, being , for traffic going on between the Atlantic and Gulf ports, and may result in a wholesale slashing of all passenger rates west of Chicago before it is souri, Kansas and Texas are from Galveston to the West and North, and go into effect to-day. The tariff is such as will transport the emigrant into the West at a cost far below that by rail by New-York to San Francisco and other California common points is \$3 25 second-class. From Galveston under the new tariff it will be \$41.50. The veston under the new tariff it will be \$41.50. The second-class rate from New-York to Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver is \$41.40, while the Missourt, Kansas and Texas, beginning to-day, names a rate from Galveston of \$21.40 to Colorado Springs, \$23 to Denver and \$20.35 to Pueblo. From New-York to Fort Scott, Kan., is \$24.75 under the present rates, while from Galveston it will hereafter be only \$12. New-York to Leavenworth, Kan., is \$23.25, while from Galveston it will be \$13.75. The biggest cut is on business from New-York to Kansas City, for which the rate is \$23.25. The new rate from Galveston is \$13, and a big protest is sure to go up

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SUMMER DRESSES of good quality percale, ruffles over shoulders, yoke trimmed with rows of feather stitching, 6 to 14 yrs., 65c; regularly \$1. Good quality percale Dresses, trimmed with embroidery, 6 to 14 yrs., 75c; usually \$1.25.

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46 in. Covert Suitings, blue, green, brown and gray mixtures, \$1.25.

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75c, \$1, \$1.25.
French Jacquards, 50c; usually 75c.
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Women's, pure linen, hemstitched, 15c. Men's, pure linen, hemstitched, 15c. Men's, pure linen, hemstitched, open work initial, Women's, batiste, lace insertion, 7c.

TOILET GOODS

Kirk's Shandon Bells Soap, 10c.
Kirk's Juvenile Soap, 15c; equal to any imported Soap at double the price.
Kirk's twin cake Zoo Soap, for bath, 5c.
Castile Soap, made of pure olive oil, 39c for 3½ lb.

Almond Cream, 25c

from the Chicago-Missouri River lines over this latest move of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. Heretofore the Gulf ports have been content to fight only for freight business, but now they are in a position to cut passenger rates, and the evident intention is to make it interesting for the direct lines.

THE CHINESE POSTOFFICE.

CURIOUS USAGES OF ITS SERVICE-THE "LETTER SHOP." From The St. James's Gazette.

The Chinese Government—so a recent telegraphic message from Peking informs us—has requested Sir Robert Hart, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, to reorganize the postal system of the Sir Robert Hart, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, to reorganize the postal system of the Sir Robert Hart, of the Jordan French of the Sackward state, and silows one to indulge the hope that efforts will soon be made in other directions to bring the country more into line with modern progress. The Chinese post, as it stands, is altogether different from anything to be found in any other country which pretends to civilization. It is in the hands of private individuals. There is a special courier service for the conveyance of imperial edicts and other official dispatches; but this corresponds to the corps of Queen's messengers which we have in Great Britain, and is altogether distinction of the control of the corps of the cor

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yd.; Axminsters, 75c yd.; regularly \$1.25. Royal Wilton Velvets, 95c; wcre \$1.50. Standard 5-frame Body Brussels, 85c yd.; usually

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usually \$1.

Children's fine gauge black cotton Stockings, ribbed and plain, 25c; were 35c.

Women's Swiss ribbed liste thread Vests, high neck, long and short sleeves, white and ecru, 36c.

Women's Swiss ribbed Combination Suits, high and low necks, knee lengths, white, 75c.

Fancy silk, chiffon and lace covered Parasols, some slightly mussed, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.80; regularly \$2.50, \$3, \$4.50, \$0.50, \$10.

CHAMOIS GLOVES 4 large pearl button Chamois Gloves, 75; usually sold at \$1.

HARNESS Fawn Sheets, 42 in. deep, sewed straps, boot well

binding, 50c. Wool Coolers, \$1.50, \$2.25 and \$4.

Surcingles, plain, 20c; with pads, 25c.
English Crown Soap, 24c jar.
Jamison's Composition, 22 can.
Buggy Harness, black or nickel trimmings, russet at
black reins, 59.85; from \$15.

Single strap track Harness, genuine rubber mountings, \$15; from \$25.

Buggy Harness, 2½ in. saddle, English enameled leather fold, double and stitched throughout, \$25; usually \$35.

Surrey Harness, \$18 to \$75. Double Buggy Harness, gut or rubber mountings, full patent leather collars, stitched 12 to an inch through-

out. No. 1 oak stock, \$60; from \$75

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There are two kinds of stamps known among dealers as Chinese stamps. The first was introduced by Sir Robert Hart (who is to reorganize the whole system), and is used only in the customs service. The other is a local Shanghai stamp used by a company carrying letters about the city of Shanghai and to outposts where there are foreign Consuls, chiefly on the Yangtze River and to the ports of Ningpo and Foochow in the south Chefoo, Tien-Tsin and Peking in the north. These two systems are entirely in the hands of foreigners.

The Chinese Government and the Chinese people have for some years been toying with this question of postal reform. Four years ago, for instance, the Trotal Sheng at Chefoo offered prizes for the four best essays on "How to Establish a Chinese Imperial Postoffice." There were about fifty competitors, and the prizes were duly delivered. Some of the essayists proposed the enlargement of the courier system; others the use of the offices and employes of the telegraph companies, where they exist, and still others suggested plans closely modelled upon Western systems.

One argument for the establishment of a Government system was based on the large revenue to be secured that now goes into the hands of the Ensilsh. French, American, Japanese and German postal agents at the treaty ports. It is well knows that large revenue is collected, especially by the Japanese and English offices. One essayist arguel that these Government offices should be established because during the war with France in 184 the commanders of the French fleet were accustomed to receive letters of great importance to them through the foreign offices in China, and the Chinese were unable to intercept them, as they might have done had they then had an imperial Government postoffice.

Another writer thought branch Chinese postoffices should be established at San Francisco, New York London, Singapore, Australia, etc., where

HELL IN PANORAMA.

"Hell" is a colossal panoramic picture, which to now approaching completion, and is the work of some Hungarian and Italian limners, whose combined forces executed the elaborate tableau. "Hell" promises to be as graphic an illustration of the sulphuric regions of the damned as the imagination of those concerned in the awful conception will allow. Of couse, it will only be fantastic imagination, and the spectators will be left as completely in the dark as heretofore relative to the actual scenic attributes and life and society in the regions of perpetual torment. Still, the panorama is possessed of no mean artistic merit, and so thoroughly impressed are the painters with the excellence of their nifernal achievements that they have decided to commission three of their number to repair to Rome to insion three of their number to repair to Rome to insion three of their number to repair to Rome to insion three of their number to repair to Rome to insion three of their number to repair to Rome to insion three spond favorably to the call, despite to satanic and sulphuric associations, the more so as His Majesty has intimated his intention of visiting the Millennial Exhibition in the autumn. From London Society.

PRINCESS METTERNICH AS A CABMAN.

From London Society.

Whenever I think of Mme de Metternich, I always think of her as she appeared at the Tulleries at one of the Empress Eugenie's "petits lundis," when fancy dress was worn. To the amazement of all present, she entered dressed as a French cabdriver, black coat with brass buttons, red waist-coat, drab trousers, glazed hat and whip, which character she sustained to the life, swearing like a trooper. The Emperor, never quite sure of what she might be expected to do, was particularly inshe might with her on this occasion, and would have requested her to withdraw had it not been for the intervention of the Empress, with whom she was a great favorite. So, thanks to her partiality, she was permitted to finish the evening, which she did, to the infinite amusement of her numerous friends and admirers, and to her own entire satisfaction, proving the adage that it is truly a good thing to have a friend at court.

Timely Wit .- "I don't want the wheel. It is too heavy."
"Say, I'll throw in a lamp. That'll make it lighter."—(Cleveland Plain Dealer.